10. Human Albumin
11. Insulin Injection
12. Iolexol
13. Lactulose Syrup
14. Metrodine Amp.
15. PAM Injection
16. Paragonal Injection (75 I.U. and 150 I.U.)
17. Sinamet Tablets (110 mg/25 mg/ 275 mg)
18. Sulprostone Injection
19. San dimmune Oral Suspension
20. Urokinase Injection.

Whole sale price index for medicines

1452. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the proposed policy manufacturers are proposed to be given freedom to increase the prices to the extent of 70 per cent of the whole sale price index for all commodities;

(b) if so, what is the whole sale price index for medicines and all other commodities taken together during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have received suggestions to limit increase or 70 per cent of increase in whole sale price index whichever is lower;

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(e) what are the names of drugs covered presently under whole sale price index;

(f) whether Government have done any exercise to study the impact of this proposal; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d), (f) and (d) In order to stream-line and simplify the procedures involved in fixing/ revising the prices of bulk drugs and formulations, various measures including linking the increase in prices of bulk drugs and formulations to increase in whole sale price index (all commodities) are under consideration of the Government.

(e) The names of drugs and medicines presently in the basket of whole sale price index are given in the Statement.

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Sl. No.	Names of Drugs and Medicines for whole sale price index
1	2
1.	Vitamin tablets (A, B, C, D and Others)
2.	Vitamin Capsules
3.	Vitamin liquids
4.	Chloramphenicol
5.	Penicillin (Vials, tablets & other products)
6.	Streptomycin (Vials & Other Products)
7.	Tetracycline (In capsules, vials and others)

1	2
8.	Power/granules other than vitamin
9.	Liquid oral other than vitamin
10.	Liquid Injectable other than vitamin
11.	Capsule other than vitamin & antibiotics
12.	Tablet except vitamin and pericillin
13.	Ointments
14.	Syrup
15.	Drugs and Pharmaceuticals n.e.c.
16.	Ayurvedic medicine liquid

Revision of prices of bulk drugs

1453. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of formulations and drugs based on imported inputs for which prices were increased during the last one year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that prices of bulk drugs produced from basic stages are not being revised for years together;

(c) what are the names of such bulk drugs whose prices increase applications are pending since the last one year;

(d) what is the present price of each and what price of each has been proposed; and

(e) what are the reasons for delay in action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Most of the bulk drugs and formulations including those based on indigenously produced bulk drugs require one or the other imported input. The names of bulk drugs having significant import content, whose prices have been revised during last one year, have been given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1455 being answered today. As regards formulations their number runs into hundreds and the time and labour involved in compiling such voluminous information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No such application is pending in the Department.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Prices of bulk drugs

1454. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to reduce the prices of 74 bulk drugs consequent to reduction in custom duty to 80 per cent on the intermediates required for their production;

(b) what is the position of prices of Pyrazinamide, Sulphamoxole, Pyrantel Pamoate, Promethazine, Betamethasone, Dextropropoxyphene, Verapamil after the reduction of custom duty on their intermediates;